

231.56A Elder abuse initiative, emergency shelter, and support services projects.

1. Through the state's service contract process adopted pursuant to section 8.47, the department shall identify entities that have demonstrated the ability to provide a collaborative response to the immediate needs of older individuals for the purpose of implementing elder abuse initiative, emergency shelter, and support services projects. The projects shall be coordinated in service areas that have a multidisciplinary team established pursuant to section 235B.1, where available.

2. The target population of the projects shall be any older individual residing in Iowa who is at risk of or who is experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation which may include but is not limited to an older individual who is the subject of a report of suspected dependent adult abuse pursuant to chapter 235B. This subsection shall not apply to an older individual who is receiving assistance under a county management plan approved pursuant to section 331.439.

3. The contractor implementing the projects shall identify allowable emergency shelter and support services, state funding, outcomes, reporting requirements, and approved community resources from which services may be obtained under the projects.

4. The contractor shall implement the projects and shall coordinate the provider network through the use of referrals or other engagement of community resources to provide services to older individuals.

5. The department shall award funds to the contractor in accordance with the state's service contract process and department rule. Receipt and expenditures of moneys under the projects are subject to examination, including audit, by the department.

6. This section shall not be construed and is not intended as, and shall not imply, a grant of entitlement for services to individuals who are not otherwise eligible for the services or for utilization of services that do not currently exist or are not otherwise available.

2003 Acts, ch 98, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §67; 2009 Acts, ch 23, §35